

DEFENSE ROAD WORK OUTLINED BY AUTO HEAD

Congress has set a precedent for quick action on highway legislation, according to Dr. E. B. McDaniel, president of the Oregon State Motor association and vice-chairman of the highway and legislative committee of the American Automobile association.

"Committees on roads in both the house and senate have completed hearings, largely devoted to an appraisal of highway needs from the standpoint of defense. The senate bill has already been favorably reported and is expected to have early attention, and we expect the house bill to be reported soon," Dr. McDaniel said.

"We are very pleased at the departure that has been made from the usual procedure. Instead of authorizing definite sums for various phases of the program, the senate bill sets an over-all limit of \$250,000,000 to be spent on the defense road program. In these times of stress such flexibility in the program will aid greatly in the accomplishment of its purpose."

Originally, federal agencies recommended to the president a \$287,000,000 defense program, including \$100,000,000 for the strategic network. It also included items for refunds to states for roads damaged by army maneuvers. On June 2, the president sent to congress a message calling for an appropriation of \$125,000,000. Thus the new bill embodies virtually all the recommendations made by federal agencies.

The program as it now stands is divided into six major categories:

1. **STRATEGIC NETWORK.**—Correction of critical deficiencies in the main lines of the strategic network of interstate roads, with the federal government paying two-thirds of the total cost and the states the remaining one-third. Congressional approval is given to the strategic system which embraces the federal aid highways and important connecting links.

2. **ACCESS ROADS.**—Construction and improvement of access roads to military and naval reservations, to defense industry sites, and to sources of raw material.

3. **FLIGHT STRIPS.**—Location and development of flight strips adjacent to public highways for the landing and take-off of aircraft.

4. **HIGHWAY PLANNING.**—Surveys and plans necessary for defense roads, including advance engineering surveys and plans for future development of the strategic network of highways and bypasses around and extensions into and through municipalities and metropolitan areas.

5. **OFF-STREET PARKING.**—Cooperation with states in the location, development and construction of off-street parking to facilitate the flow of traffic on sections of the strategic network of highways forming bypasses around and connections into and through municipalities and metropolitan areas.

6. **RIGHTS OF WAY.**—Provi-

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sion whereby federal funds may be used to assist in the cost of acquiring rights-of-way for projects on the strategic network for defense roads authorized in the pending bill.

"The motor association feels that particular significance may be attached to sections of the pending bill with reference to off-street parking facilities and federal assistance in acquiring rights-of-way. While primarily intended to assure rapid progress in meeting urgent highway needs, these provisions are indicative of new congressional thinking on highway development. In brief, the pending proposal on off-street parking facilities provides that where states or political subdivisions ban parking on metropolitan connections of interstate highways, the federal government can give federal assistance for off-street parking facilities for an equivalent number of vehicles. Thus it is of great importance from the standpoint of an attack on the problem of traffic congestion due to lack of terminal facilities," the motor association president said.

Sailor to Get Hearing on Death Of Seattle Youth

PORTLAND, June 25 (P)—The AFL Sailors union of the Pacific wants the federal government to provide US communists with free transportation to the Russo-German war front. The Portland local reminded that communists term the USSR constitution the "most democratic ever adopted by any nation," and declared that "the time is now at hand to... prove that they believe in democracy."

Real Mail to Be Carried in Coming Pony Express Race

TIMBERLINE LODGE, Ore., June 25 — Official United States mail bags rather than dummy sacks will be used in the first Old Oregon Trail Pony Express race from Portland to Timberline Lodge, Ore., on June 29, according to word from post office officials here.

In order to make this revival of the 73 mile pioneer mail route authentic, organizers have arranged to carry first-class letters which will be cancelled at the Timberline Lodge post office and stamped with a special cachet stating the manner in which the letter reached its destination. Stamp collectors all over America have sent letters to the race committee so that they may be carried on this most unusual postal trip.

As the modern pony express is a civic venture sponsored by Timberline lodge and the Lake Oswego hunt club near Portland, no charge is being made for arranging to have letters taken over the run. Collectors need only write to Myron McCamley, 2135 N. Alberta street, Portland, enclosing a self-addressed envelope bearing a three cent stamp. Five cowboys riding teams from Oregon and southern Washington have entered the race. Each team consists of seven horses and seven riders who will relay the mail sacks on the run at points ten miles apart. Included in the entries are the sheriff's mounted posse of Klickitat county, Wash., and Clackamas county, Ore. Sheriffs C. G. House and Fred Roaksecker

will ride the last lap for their respective teams.

Western saddles and cowboy riding equipment are required and as the route used back-tracks almost exactly the original overland route from the middle west into the Oregon country, spectators will find it easy to imagine themselves watching the transfer of "fast mail" of a century ago.

Lake County Fills Quota for USO

PORTLAND, June 25 (P)—The United Service organizations' fund-raising campaign has reached its quota in Clatsop, Deschutes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lake, Polk, Sherman, Umatilla and Walla Walla counties.

Quota for the state is \$86,900. Relax! The only Friday the thirteenth of 1941 has passed—and if you're reading this you got by.

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ELKS CLUB AIDS NAVY RECRUITING

Members of the Klamath Elks lodge are out to recruit 18 young men for the U. S. navy. That is their quota for the month of July.

At a meeting last Thursday evening the members formed a committee of volunteers to work with Angus Newton, head of the defense committee to obtain these men.

Recruits will be sent to Portland for their final physical examination at government expense. Newton, who is also commander of the local post of the American Legion, pointed out the opportunities navy life has to offer men between the ages of 17 to 50 years. Boys enlisting at the age of 17 years serve until their 21st birthday in the regular navy or the reserve. Men over 18 years old enlist for six years. The navy department, realizing six years is a long time unless one is to make a career of the navy, has made the enlistment for the naval reserve four years with all same opportunities as the regular navy and opportunity to go to any of the navy trade schools.

Aside from serving the country learning a trade, free medical attention, free room and board one is paid very well. The thing that is very seldom mentioned is the pay in the navy. Enlisting as an apprentice seaman the pay is as follows: apprentice, \$21 a month for the first four months, with two years clothing allowance. After four months an automatic raise to seaman second class pays \$36 a month, seaman first class, \$54. Petty officer third class, \$60, petty officer second class, \$72, petty officer first class, \$84. Chief petty officer's pay goes up to \$157.50. All men detailed to aviation with flight pay get an additional 50 per cent increase, making a chief petty officer's pay well over \$200 a month.

All men interested in the navy are asked to contact the Elks club or see F. J. McDonald, CGM, local navy recruiter, in the Postoffice building, room 204.

DAV Convention Sought for Oregon

NEWPORT, June 25 (P)—A committee named at the Oregon Disabled American Veterans' convention yesterday will attempt to bring the national DAV convention to Oregon in 1942.

Included were Ben Dorris, Lee Moore, Richard Danielson and Russell Evans, all Eugene, and Paul Tharalson, Salem.

Pendleton placed second to the Lincoln county chapter in the state activities contest. Election of officers was scheduled today.



Actress Tallulah Bankhead relaxes in Reno with lion cub "Winston Churchill" and Pekinese "Anne" after divorcing John R. Emery. Cub, afraid of Peke, is bottle baby.

BEAVER BOYS STATE SELECTS OFFICERS

CORVALLIS, June 25 (P)—Youthful citizens of the Beaver Boys state prepared today to ballot in their state primary election after setting up three county governments yesterday.

The high school-aged youths, learning practical politics in the American Legion-sponsored camp, will follow standard administrative practices after the state system has been established.

Officers elected for the camp counties included: Columbia — Glen Kennedy, Klamath Falls, county judge; Bob Holmes, Medford, sheriff; Jack Moffatt, Medford, clerk and recorder; Milton Burch, Lakeview, treasurer; Jack Caulkins, Roseburg, superintendent of schools.

Deschutes—Cato Wray, Medford, judge; Niel C. Allen, Grants Pass, sheriff; Jim Wamble, Walla Walla, assessor.

Williamette—Roy Strowbridge, Grants Pass, judge; Seely Hall, Medford, commissioner; Phil Ashton, Lebanon, assessor; Bob Baum, Union, treasurer.

NATURE TRAIL AT PARK PROGRESSES

Work on the nature trail at Moore park is progressing steadily. Each week markers are erected for the wildflowers which are beginning to blossom and markers are taken down from those plants which have gone to seed.

A few of the wildflowers to be seen now are narrow-leaved phacelia, a pretty, light purple flower, many of which are growing on the sides of the nature

trail, and balsam root, a colorful flower resembling a sunflower which grows on many of the hills in the park. This yellow flower, together with the purple lupine makes a carpet of gay colors on the hills.

Another flower which is blossoming is the globe gillia. It is distinguished by a blue blossom. Beautiful as these wildflowers are, visitors to this new feature of the park are asked not to pick or disturb the flowers.

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